

**Remarks / Arguments:**

Claims 1 to 6, 8, 14 and 16 to 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Richards in view of John et al. and have been canceled. The appeal as to claims 7, 9 to 13 and 15 was dismissed.

Claims 7, 9, and 15 have been placed in independent form, with claim 15 corrected to correct the error noted by the Board in claim 14.

It is respectfully submitted that amended claims 7, 9 and 15 and their dependent claims are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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